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BURROWS GIVEN ROYAL GREETING

Made Triumphal Tour of Northern Part of Van Buren, Wednesday.

SOUTH HAVEN ENTHUSIASTIC

Senator Greeted by Rounds of Applause at Evening Meeting. Introduced by Hon. C. J. Monroe.

United States Senator J. C. Burrows made a triumphal tour of the northern part of Van Buren county on Wednesday and closed with a rousing meeting at South Haven in the evening. Everywhere he was greeted by a large and enthusiastic crowd. It was not really a speechmaking trip, but more in the nature of a friendly visit with old friends and acquaintances. Speeches were called for, however, at nearly every stop, and the senator responded in his usual happy and vigorous manner.

The party started from Kalamazoo and the first stop was at Kendall. An enthusiastic crowd greeted the senator here and also at Goblesville, Bloomingdale, Bertram, Grand Junction, Lacota and Covert. Many flags were in evidence along the way and stores and dwelling houses were profusely decorated in anticipation of the senator's coming. The best of feeling prevailed everywhere and his remarks were received with hearty applause.

Several parties from South Haven met the senator's party at Covert and accompanied him to South Haven, arriving there about 5 o'clock. Headquarters were at the Hotel Johnson and many prominent republicans from South Haven and vicinity went to the hotel to pay their respects to the distinguished visitor. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the reception tendered him all along the line and said he was becoming quite an automobile enthusiast himself.

A representative gathering of prominent people filled Selkirk's opera house in the evening to hear Burrows speak. When he stepped to the center of the stage, after the words of introduction by Hon. C. J. Monroe, he knew at once by the spontaneous outburst of applause that he was among his friends.

The senator first talked briefly on the tariff. He said that in his mind the congress that has just adjourned transacted as much legislation successfully for the interests of the common people

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OLD OFFICERS TO HOLD OVER

Report and Financial Statement of Annual School Meeting Held Last Monday Night.

The annual meeting of Fractional School District Number One Paw Paw and Antwerp townships being duly called for July 11, 1910, at 7:30 in the evening was held at the high school room. The meeting was duly called to order by W. C. Y. Ferguson, president of the board of education whereupon the affairs of the school and its management, for the past year was informally discussed.

The secretary of the board of education then submitted the financial report for the year ending July 11, 1910 as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 11, 1910	
Money on hand July 12, 1909 general fund.....	\$175.41
Due from library fund.....	13.00
Received from one mill tax.....	840.25
Received from primary school fund.....	2916.50
Received from library fund.....	35.19
Fines from county treasurer.....	75.00
Tax voted.....	1128.04
Received from tuition non resident pupils.....	4931.35
Received from district taxes.....	2000.00
Received from graduating exercises, high school & grammar room, breakage in laboratory, grand stand etc.....	17.93
Total.....	\$12232.67
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid men teachers.....	\$2000.00
Paid women teachers.....	4385.00
Paid for library books and care of.....	

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GRAND CIRCUIT RACES NEXT

The Grand Circuit Races are scheduled for Kalamazoo the week beginning July 25th. Splendid racing events are planned for each day in the week, but the big 2:11 trot for a purse of \$10,000.00 comes on Wednesday. This will probably be the big day of the week. Many enthusiasts from Paw Paw will be in attendance during the week.

TERRIFIC ELECTRICAL STORM

Visited Van Buren County, Saturday. Many Buildings Burned and Phone and Light Service Crippled.

The back of the drought was broken last Saturday afternoon, and a heavy shower was welcomed by the citizens of nearly all parts of the county. It was a heavy rain and did an immense amount of good.

The rain was accompanied, however, by a terrific thunder and lightning storm. It was one of the worst electrical storms seen in Paw Paw for years, although the damage done in this immediate vicinity was slight. The local phone and electric light systems were slightly disabled, but nothing was injured which could not be repaired in a few hours.

Several buildings were struck and burned in the country. Among those reported are a large hay barn belonging to Dick Hutchins, another belonging to Ernest Thynne and one near the Covey Hill church. The Hutchins barn was a new one and had about 40 tons of hay stored in it. It was only partially covered by insurance. The other buildings had some insurance, but how much was not reported.

The large barn belonging to George Rich was struck, but fortunately did not burn.

The lightning seemed to take a particular liking to barns, as not a dwelling house or out building was struck so far as is known. No loss of life or live stock is reported.

STATE GETTING THE GOOD ROADS FEVER

Michigan Will Soon Rank With Any State in Union as Far as Good Highways are Concerned.

Michigan has at last been attacked by the "good roads fever" and no one looks upon the fact with more complacency than State Highway Commissioner Eli. "I'm glad to say," stated the official, "that Michigan is awakening to the need of good roads. You may think she has been asleep before this, but her previous state was slumber to what her present attitude is.

"From counties which have done little or no road building we are receiving requests for information, are being asked to send men to see them and are being besieged with questions of every kind. It certainly looks good for the future of the state's highways.

"Of course the automobiles have been largely responsible for the growth of this sentiment. Every automobile owner becomes a good road enthusiast. Half of the people who have an opportunity to ride in autos complain about the bad roads and thus help move public sentiment.

"Michigan as a state is doing greater work than ever before. She is making wonderful strides, in fact, and if this pace is maintained, will soon rank with any state in the union so far as good highways are concerned."

WANT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHAUTAUQUA WEEK

Every indication points to a large out of town attendance at the chautauqua this year. Local Manager Henry Shaefer has already received several inquiries in regard to rooms and board in private families. It is suggested that those who have rooms to spare during chautauqua week report the same to Mr. Shaefer. All inquiries in regard to accommodations will be addressed to him, and in order to answer the same intelligently, he must know what the Paw Paw people have to offer. Let him know at once how many rooms you have for rent, whether or not you will furnish meals and what the price will be for the same. Attend to this matter at once. The chautauqua this year will be a great success, and it is up to the citizens of Paw Paw to furnish accommodations and assist in every way possible to make the week a pleasant and profitable one for the many visitors.

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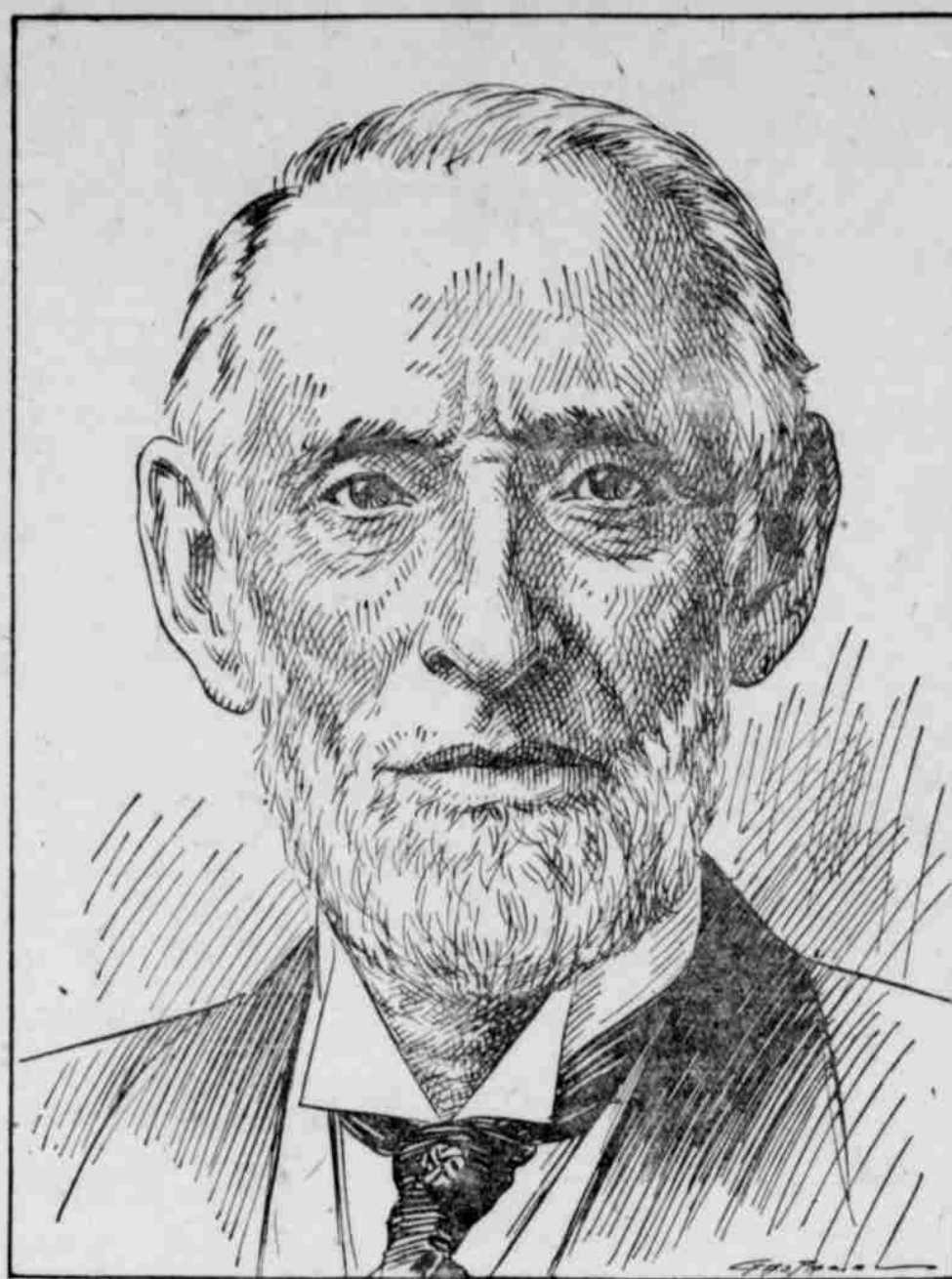
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DIED AT BORGESS HOSPITAL

Fred Wyman, Engineer on K. L. S. & C. Ry., Passed Away After Operation for Abscess on Brain.

Fred Wyman, formerly of Paw Paw and lately of Hartford, died at Borgess hospital, Kalamazoo, last Tuesday following an operation for abscess on the brain.

He was formerly a fireman on the K. L. S. & C., but lately had been promoted to engineer on the Paw Paw Lake branch. He worked in that capacity until last week, when he was taken ill and went to the hospital for treatment. Deceased leaves a widow and five children.



SHELBY M. CULLOM.
United States Senator from Illinois.

BIG DEMAND FOR BINDER TWINE GOVERNOR CAN NOT INTERFERE

Sales of Prison Twine for 1910 Show Large Increase Over Amount Sold During Year 1909.

With the binder twine season of the binder twine plant of the Jackson state prison practically closed, a glance at what has resulted this year is interesting and shows how little effect the clamoring of the trust and opponents to the state employing convict labor for this purpose has had.

Up to June 15 orders had been received for 2,265,865 pounds of twine, representing 1,570 orders, and during the following week 573 more orders were added, representing 254,240 pounds of twine, making a total of 2,520,105 pounds of twine ordered.

Of this amount 2,446,065 pounds have been shipped. Since those figures the sales have been raised to over 2,600,000 pounds, which will make an increase of about 25 per cent over the sales of 1909.

Up to June 25 the cash orders amounted to \$63,690.57, while about 75 per cent of the sales are on 90 days' time. With this excellent showing, those who clamor against the binder twine plant should take particular notice of what is being accomplished.

EXHIBITING FINE NEW MACHINE

Nash and Benway Here with New Seven Passenger Pratt Elkhart Touring Car.

Harry Nash is taking another lay-off from his railroad duties and is devoting his attention to his automobile business. He and Mr. Benway of Lawton were in Paw Paw, Tuesday, with a fine new Pratt Elkhart seven-passenger touring car. This is the first one of the Pratt Elkharts that has been seen in Paw Paw and the car creates a most favorable impression. It is a large powerful car easy to manage and runs very still and smooth. It is a little higher in price than the ordinary car and sells fully equipped for \$1,700. Those interested in a high grade touring car would do well to see the Pratt Elkhart.

HELD FAMILY REUNION.

The Bates and Peacock families held a pleasant reunion at the home of Rev. I. P. Bates last Friday. There were 20 members of the two families there, including Mr. and Mrs. Coleman of Lansing. All members of the two families were present except six, who were unable to be there. It was a memorable day in the lives of those present.

MOTORING TO CALIFORNIA.

Mr. and Mrs. James McIntosh of New York city visited their cousin, Mrs. C. J. S. Jones, Tuesday and part of Wednesday. They were motoring through to Los Angeles, Cal., where they expect to spend next winter.

DELOS WARNER BETTER.

Delos Warner, who has been taking treatment at Davenport, Iowa, has returned home. He is much improved by the treatment and his many friends hope for an ultimate recovery.

No State Law Against Exhibition of Fight Pictures. Entirely Up to Cities For Local Regulation.

In line with the general agitation throughout the country against allowing the fight pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson battle to be placed on exhibition, Gov. Warner received a message from William Shaw, general secretary of the Christian Endeavor society, calling attention to the race riots that have already resulted and asking the governor to join other governors in prohibiting the exhibition of the moving pictures of the fight in this state.

The attorney general not long ago ruled that the matter of regulating prize fight pictures was for local regulation and that there was no law under which the governor can censor moving picture shows in the state.

Governor Warner's stand on holding prize fights in the state is so well known that the people of Michigan know that if there was a law giving the governor authority to regulate this matter it would be given his prompt attention, but as the matter now stands it looks as if the fight pictures would have to be handled by local regulation.

HIS CONDITION IS CRITICAL

Arthur Miller Has Bad Case of "Auto Fever." Friends Concerned About Outcome of the Early Stages.

Arthur Miller is in a critical condition. He has a severe case of "automobile fever" and his friends are much concerned about him. He has a machine "caged" at the grape juice factory and has a corps of assistants grooming the same. It will be some days yet before it will make its initial appearance, but the many friends of Mr. Miller are anxiously awaiting the event. Staff photographers, reporters, and anxious friends will watch the performance from windows, treetops and roofs of tall buildings. In the meantime it is hoped that Art will recover from the first stages of that fatal malady without any serious complications setting in.

DR. THOMPSON FAMILY HERE

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson of DeFuniak Springs arrived in Paw Paw the first of the week. The daughters Althea and Marguerite will arrive soon and the family expect to spend the summer here.

UNDER THE OLD APPLE TREE.

Last Friday the G. A. R. and W. R. C. enjoyed the day at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bennett. Dinner was served "Under the shade of the old apple tree." Ice cream and cake were served later in the day. The occasion was a pleasant one, and one to be remembered by those present.

ARRIVED AT LAKEWOOD.

Mrs. H. D. Brown and daughter of El Campo, Tex., have arrived at her Lake Park resort for the summer. The hotel at the resort will not be opened this season, but the cottages will be rented as heretofore.

NEW LIQUOR LAW DECREASES CRIME

Records Show Noticeable Decrease in Criminal Litigation. Prosecutor Has Made Splendid Record.

Prosecuting Attorney Warner has just completed his semi-annual report to the attorney general. During the six months ending June 30, there were 89 criminal cases instituted in all the courts of the county, in all of which there was not a single acquittal, although there were three dismissals without trial and three cases were settled. As this is the first full six months under the working of the amended local option law, it is a matter of some interest to compare the report with the first six months of 1909, that being the last full half year under the provisions of the old law. The official report for that term shows there were 221 cases commenced during that time in the several courts of the county, a decrease in favor of the present statute of 132 cases, just 60 per cent, which means a saving to the people of the county of at least \$3,000. And the peculiarity of the matter is that the entire decrease is in the number of drunks and disorderlies, there being exactly the same number of other cases enumerated in each report.

This is a fine showing for the operation of the new statute and an equally good showing for the public prosecutor. Nobody is silly enough to believe that any such showing could have been possible if the people of this county had voted to repeal the local option law and permit the opening of saloons in the county. It is likely to be a long time before the majority of the electors of this county will vote "wet."

DEVICE FOR RAPID DELIVERY OF MAIL

Hartford Man Gets Patent on Automatic Rural Mail Carrier. Promises to Revolutionize the System.

A Hartford correspondent to the Kalamazoo Gazette is authority for the statement that LeRoy Westcott, a young man of that village, has invented a contrivance that will revolutionize the rural mail delivery system.

The device is known as the automatic mail conveyor, and if it proves successful will take the place of mail carriers. The inventor claims the cost of delivering the mail on each route will be reduced to five cents a trip. The device is operated by electricity, and is automatic. A box or receptacle holds the mail as it is put up at the postoffice, carries it on a track or wire, stopping to deliver at each house on the route and collects the outgoing mail. One of the unique features of the invention is an automatic lever that carries the car past boxes for which there is no mail to be delivered.

In brief, the scheme will enable the postoffice employees to pack the car, turn on the current, start the conveyance on the route, and at the end of an hour have all the mail in the hands of the farmers, and the return mail in the office ready to be sent out on its way.

A patent has been secured and the proposition placed before the postoffice department. A model of this unique invention is now on exhibition in the postoffice at South Bend, Indiana.

OLD WIND MILL TOWER IS COMING BACK TO TOWN

The old steel wind mill tower which stood in the old court house grounds for several years, is again on its way back to the village where it will probably find a permanent resting place.

When the new court house was erected the tower was sold to E. G. Thayer and moved out to the Thayer farm. It has again been sold to the village of Paw Paw and will be erected in the rear of the engine house. The fire bell will be placed on its top, and the much talked about fire alarm will be a reality.

The tower is 80 feet in height, and it is thought that by placing the present fire bell this distance up in the air, it can be heard in all parts of the village.

W. M. RICKERSON BADLY HURT

Fell Down Hay Chute Sunday and Sustained Serious Injuries to His Back and Hips.

Will Rickerson had the misfortune to fall and receive several bad bruises last Sunday. He climbed to the hay loft in the barn to throw down hay to the horses. In some manner he slipped and fell down the hay chute. No bones were broken, but he sustained bad bruises about the back and hips. It was feared at first that he had suffered some internal injuries. It is thought, however, that should no complications set in he will recover and soon be out again. At the present time, however, his condition is quite serious.

LOCALS LOST IN PITCHER'S BATTLE

Best Game of Season Won by Bloomingdale at Athletic Park.

ONLY ONE RUN IN THE GAME

Bloomingdale Puts One Across in Second. Neither Side Able to Score After First Run.

Base ball history again repeated itself last Friday at Athletic park, when Bloomingdale crossed bats with the local team. During all the years that Paw Paw has been playing ball, there has been no team that the local fans would rather see come than Bloomingdale. As far as the games won and lost is concerned, the honors have been about even, but win or lose the Bloomingdale boys are always welcome to Paw Paw. They are a clean lot of sportsmen. No wrangling or "rag chewing" when they come, and there is always a ball game when these two teams meet.

The game Wednesday, resulted in a victory for the visitors by the score of 1 to 0. It was the best game of the season however, and the spectators were satisfied even in the face of defeat. It was largely a pitchers battle between Kinney and Rippey. The only run that crossed the rubber was in the second. Heider started the inning with a base hit, stole second, was sacrificed to third by Davis, and scored on Rippey's single.

Paw Paw fans were hopeful that the score would be tied in the last half of the ninth. Harry Mather started with a corking single, but Moreland hit into a double and the hopes of the Paw Paw contingent were shattered. Even then there was a faint ray of hope when Parsons smashed the ball, and stretched the hit into a double, Kinney, the next man up, however, was an easy out. Rippey to Kinson, and the game was over.

NOTES OF THE GAME

Bloomingdale got six hits and Paw Paw five.

Hits made by Bloomingdale were A. Hyanes 2, Heider 2, and Rippey 2.

Hits made by Paw Paw were, H. Mather 1, Parsons 2, Sherrod 1, and Fuller 1.

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WHEAT YIELD IS ABOVE AVERAGE

In the State According to June Report. Hay Crop Also Good, But Fruit Scarce in All Sections.

The wheat bins of the farmers of Michigan should be full this fall, from the reports filed with the secretary of state for June. Not only is the yield outlook excellent, but the quality this season bids fair to be above the average.

The average yield per acre for the northern counties of the state is estimated at 17 bushels, southern counties 16, central counties 19 and in the upper peninsula 18 bushels.

Rye is also showing up well according to the estimates, which give an estimated yield per acre in the state at from 15 to 22 bushels. Corn is reported as being fair. Buckwheat was sown plentifully, and the condition is about an average as compared with the past five years. The acreage of beans is also well up with other years and the condition of the crop is excellent. The average condition of potatoes is 85 per cent. Sugar beets are reported fine, and with rain the yield will be up to the general average.

Hay, which has been worrying many dealers, is shown to be in an excellent condition.

The prospect for fruit is not encouraging, owing to severe frosts early in the season. The prospect for a crop of peaches in the counties included in the Michigan fruit belt, as gathered from reliable statistics, is as follows: Allegan, 20 per cent of a crop; Berrien,

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TOWNSEND COMES HERE TODAY

Hon. Chase Townsend will tour Van Buren County to day. He is scheduled to speak in Paw Paw from 2:00 to 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. It is probable that he will make the address from his automobile on the Dyckman House corners. While there is very little Townsend sentiment here, it is probable the distinguished congressman will be greeted by a large crowd.